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APPLICANT: **Crawford, J.F. et al.**

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§ **1627**

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§ **EXAMINER:**
§ **Gitomer, R.**

FOR: **Assessment of Intracellular
Cysteine and Glutathione
Concentrations**

§ **DOCKET:**
§ **D 5946 D**

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

In response to an Examiner's Communication mailed February 27, 2003 and further to the Response to Restriction Requirement filed July 15, 2002 and the Preliminary Amendment filed December 15, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 12 to read as follows:

~~12 (twice-amended) A method of determining if an individual of interest has a cysteine deficiency, comprising the steps~~